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SCANNING AND UPLOADING OF WRITTEN MATERIAL ON COMPUTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has proposed to formulate a scheme to scan and upload on computers the books and other valuable written material of various universities, IITs, research centres, libraries of Archives and other centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of the scheme as on date; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): Government recognizes the need for provision for secure data and resource sharing among the knowledge institutions.

Further, Ministry of Culture has initiated a proposal to set up a National Mission on Libraries. Digitization of old and rare books and manuscripts available with public libraries is one of the activities to be undertaken by this Mission. The Planning Commission has given in principle approval for the National Mission on Libraries. This mission will be set up as soon as necessary approvals are accorded.